



Family Medicine Newsletter

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Arrivals

Please join us in welcoming Tracy Choptain to the Department of Family Medicine as the Educational Lead, Research and Quality Improvement. In this role Tracy will operationalize the Office of Research and Quality Improvement (OR&QI) hub which will provide education, consulting, coaching and collaborating services to support Research and QI activities within the department and its distributed sites. Service streams are designed to support clinical leadership and foster a culture of curiosity within the Department of Family Medicine and its partners through innovation and scholarly activity.

Tracy comes to us with a diverse background. She has extensive healthcare management experience, including coordination, implementation and supervision of international and domestic medical teams in rehabilitation, primary care, ambulatory care, episodic and emergency care services.

Welcome to the DFM, Tracy!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr Joanne Maier who is assuming the role of Associate Dean for the Brandon Satellite Campus.

Dr. Brian Postl, dean, Max Rady College of Medicine and dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Joanne Maier as associate dean, Brandon Satellite Program, Max Rady College of Medicine, effective July 1 to December 31, 2022.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Maier has practiced in Brandon as a family physician at Western Medical Clinic and as an attending physician at Brandon Regional Health Centre. She has also been an attending physician at Dinsdale Personal Care Home for more than 20 years.

In addition to her practice, Dr. Maier has held several administrative positions over the years. She has been the site lead for the UM department of family medicine's rural Brandon family medicine stream for the past 10 years. From 2013 to 2022, Dr. Maier was assistant dean of the Brandon Satellite Program. She was also the chief of the department of family practice at Brandon Regional Health Centre, and medical director of the Dinsdale Personal Care Home.

Congratulations Continued

Dr. Maier holds the following academic positions – lecturer, Max Rady College of Medicine; primary preceptor, family medicine residency, department of family medicine; and preceptor, core family medicine clerkship.

Dr. Maier is a member of many committees, including the Max Rady College of Medicine's Postgraduate Medical Education Executive Council, and the Dean's Council. She is also a member of the department of family medicine's Postgraduate Education Committee, and Academic Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Maier received her bachelor of science from Brandon University. She is a member of the UM medicine Class of 1984 and completed her family medicine residency at her alma mater.

Congratulations on your new role, Dr. Maier!

Parkland Family Medicine Residency Unit

The Parkland Family Medicine Residency Unit of University of Manitoba is based in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Final blocks continued through the Spring of 2022. Residents' education and hands on sessions have started to be in-person since covid-19 restrictions lifting. Increased in-person clinic visits have also occurred including Walk-in opening up to in-person on June 1st, 2022.

Dr. Kish has met with all R2 residents for their transition review. All residents continue to succeed in completion of rotations. Resident and preceptor field notes being successfully completed.

Our 5 graduating Residents' plans for the future include: PGY3-Anaesthesia training in Ottawa, practice FM in Kenora, Ontario, Fly-in practice with Ongomiizwin, practice FM in Northern British Columbia, and PGY3-Emergency training in Winnipeg. [Read more here.](#)

Family Medicine Ultrasound Curriculum

We are thrilled to announce the implementation of the **Family Medicine Ultrasound Curriculum PGY 2** starting July 2022. This is one of the only family medicine ultrasound curriculums in the country and will provide our learners and faculty with the opportunity to learn and practice some basic skills with regards to point-of-care ultrasound.

Thank you to the ultrasound site leads for your help with this curriculum to assist PGY2 Family Medicine residents in the practical aspect of the curriculum.

Each teaching clinic has been equipped with Butterfly IQ+ devices provided by the Department of Family Medicine or accessible through a local preceptor for the PGY2 residents to use. They will save/upload anonymous images or videos (no identifiers) of patients they have scanned in clinic (with appropriate consent) to the Butterfly IQ+ cloud for remote viewing by their local POCUS site lead or our Family Medicine POCUS Faculty Lead. This will allow for remote viewing and feedback to be provided about the images and videos acquired.

The objectives of this curriculum were developed by the Ultrasound Working Group and were designed to be family medicine centred.

We have developed the Ultrasound Curriculum Learner Guide for learners and Curriculum Preceptor Guide for preceptors. In addition, prior to starting this implementation, we also hosted a session with the PGY 2 Residents and the Ultrasound Site Leads to walk through together the Curriculum, Demo, Tips, Q&A, etc...

Updates on PGY 1 Curriculum: Thank you to our PGY 1 Family Medicine Residents, based on their inputs, we have reviewed, made the updates to streamline the Curriculum for the new 2022-23 academic year and the Learner Guide was also updated.

DFM 50th Anniversary

In 1971, the Hunt Commission, originally convened to examine concerns around the issue of hospital admitting privileges. The commission recommended that the University of Manitoba and other interested bodies actively pursue the creation of a postgraduate training program in Family Medicine. Dr. Claude Murphy and Dr. Gary Beazley accepted the challenge of developing a Department of Family Practice at St. Boniface General Hospital including a residency program. The University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine approved the residency training program the following year with the first residents entering the program in 1973. In recognition of the dedication and work of all involved, The Department of Family Medicine will celebrate its 50th anniversary Gala on May 26th, 2023, at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre (MET).

We hope to have your support and active involvement in our celebration of the department's 50th anniversary. Please support us by joining the upcoming activities or taking part as a volunteer in the planning committees.

Stay tuned! The planning committee intends to launch a social media campaign in the near future. We are looking for your most creative hashtags to promote and track activity surrounding the department and the anniversary celebrations.

Please submit your ideas to DFM@Umanitoba.ca subject #Anniversary for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes.

"Anything Can Happen" at Gimli Film Fest

Faced with the possibility of her son Nicholas dying from intractable epilepsy, Dr. Jennifer Anderson, a Canadian physician and graduate of Max Rady Collage of Medicine, treats him with cannabis. Watching Nicholas go from a near catatonic state to fully participating in life Dr. Anderson now oversees the cannabinoid treatment of other children living with epilepsy, autism, and other illnesses while facing tremendous resistance from other physicians. This film asks the question "How far do you go to save your child?".

The film has won Best Short Documentary at the Montreal Film Festival and will be playing at Gimli Film Festival on July 22nd.

Watch the trailer here: [ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN- Extended Trailer on Vimeo](#)

MPAS News

On behalf of the Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Jose Francois, Department Head of Family Medicine, would like to formally thank Ian Jones for his 13 years of leadership in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program. Under his leadership, the MPAS program has continuously evolved to ensure it remains a national, and international leader in its field. As of July 1, 2022, he will transition to a reduced appointment as an Associate Professor with the Department of Family Medicine, providing mentorship/coaching, some teaching, and taking on a special project on health human resources.

Dr. Jose Francois would like to welcome Rebecca Mueller to the role of Interim MPAS Program Director, transitioning into the role as of June 2022. She has been a practicing PA in oncology and palliative care since 2010 and began her teaching career in 2014. She has taught at several PA programs including McMaster University, University of St. Catherine, and Rosalind Franklin University. She has spent the last two years as Academic Coordinator for MPAS.

The month of June will be a transition month for the MPAS program to ensure a successful and smooth leadership transition for the MPAS team and students. The DFM thanks Ian Jones and Rebecca Mueller for their leadership and vision to the practicing PAs of the future.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies – CAPSTONE Presentation – Class of 2022 We would like to congratulate the Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Class of 2022 on their successful completion and presentation of their CAPSTONE Presentations.

The required CAPSTONE project allows the PA-graduate candidate to confirm the synthesis, analysis and application of knowledge applied to demonstrating mastery of the scientific process from a systematic review of material that may influence and improve physician assistant practice.